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Attention: Plan First Providers

Change in Distribution of Contraceptive Supplies

Effective October 1, 2006, Plan First providers will no longer stock and issue oral contraceptives and the contraceptive patch. This change in program policy is due to the rising costs of oral contraceptives as well as the increase in shipping costs.

Plan First recipients will continue to have their initial, annual and periodic exams provided by their current enrolled Plan First provider. The Plan First recipients who choose to use oral contraceptives, the contraceptive patch or the vaginal ring (available this October) will have to obtain their supplies from the county health department.

Plan First Providers will be required to submit an order for the contraceptive method utilizing the **Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form (page 2 of this ALERT)**. This order will be in effect for 1 year from the time of the initial/annual family planning visit as dated on the order form. If changes in the contraceptive method are indicated due to patient need or preference, the patient will be required to obtain a new **Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form** from her provider. The county health department will issue the supplies ordered and provide product counseling.

What to do with the current contraceptive supply in your office: Please use all Plan First oral contraceptives and contraceptive patches that you have in stock and file claims accordingly. Any new orders received by ADPH after September 30, 2006 **will not** be filled. Once your current stock is depleted you must begin using the **Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form** and begin sending the patients to the county health department for their contraceptive supplies (oral contraceptives, the contraceptive patch or the vaginal ring).

Where to get the new form: The **Plan First Patient Contraceptive Order Form** is part of this ALERT and can also be obtained on line at

www.medicaid.alabama.gov,

online at www.adph.org

or you can contact the Outreach and Education division at 334-353-5203.

Questions regarding this ALERT please call:

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****As always, full Medicaid recipients will continue getting their prescriptions filled at a pharmacy.**

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PLAN FIRST PATIENT CONTRACEPTIVE ORDER FORM

This form is to be used to enable the Health Department to provide certain pharmaceuticals to women who are receiving Family Planning services from enrolled Plan First Service Providers. The Plan First provider remains to be the patient's medical home. The Health Department will provide contraceptive counseling to all patients. A new form is required if the provider makes any changes based on patient need/preference.

PATIENT INFORMATION:

Patient Name _____ Medicaid # _____
DOB _____ Date of Initial/Annual Family Planning Visit _____

PROVIDER INFORMATION:

I have completed the above mentioned patient's medical history and physical exam and request the following type of contraceptive be provided to my patient. I understand that the Health Department has a limited formulary and that a comparable, alternative oral contraceptive may be used. Please provide the following contraceptive to my patient:

- ☐ Low Dose Monophasic Combined OC (Preferred Pill): _____
- ☐ Low Dose Triphasic Combined OC (Preferred Pill): _____
- ☐ Monophasic 50 mcg OC
- ☐ Progestin-Only OC
- ☐ Contraceptive Patch
- ☐ Vaginal Ring

COMMENTS: _____

PROVIDER SIGNATURE _____
Original Signature Required

PROVIDER NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

DATE _____ PROVIDER PHONE NUMBER (____) _____

Patient must return this completed form to the County Health Department in order to receive her contraceptive method.

This order will expire one year from the date of the Initial/Annual Family Planning Visit noted above.